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1. Strong interest in the fate of Israel continues among Tientsin Jews, including those who took Soviet papers after the war. That this interest is not merely academic or sentimental is indicated by the information noted below.

2. In the late summer, 1948, four Tientsin Jewish youths left Tientsin for Shanghai by plane. In Shanghai they were to join a group of approximately one hundred Jews from China, all of military age, for transportation to "and into" Palestine.

3. Contributions to the cause of Israel have been sizeable. The Women's International Zionist Organization held a profitable bazaar early in 1948. When Gedalie Zuchovitski, of the Council of Jewish Agency (sic) for Palestine, was in Tientsin in September 1947, he collected the equivalent of US \$30,000 from Tientsin Jews. 25X1A6a  
Comment. Gedalie Zuchovitski, a member of the Jewish National Fund, visited China in 1947, and in May 1948 arrived in Montevideo, Uruguay, with instructions for the fund raising campaign of the HAGANAH committee there. He has traveled through France, Belgium, Norway, Denmark and Switzerland, and has carried out missions in India as well as China. From Montevideo he went to Argentina.) Some months later a representative of Irgun Zvai Liumi from Shanghai made a successful trip to Tientsin. In the spring 1948 L. Ohlmert, reported to have come from Palestine, collected US \$40,000 in Tientsin. 25X1A6a  
Comment. L. Ohlmert, representative of the Jewish Agency, collected US \$120,000 in Shanghai before he returned to Palestine in May 1948.)

4. Many local Jews, who had grown away from their heritage, have swung violently back to the traditions of Judaism. An example of this group is Benjamin E. (Veyyamin Illich) Export, whose letters from Cuba are concerned almost exclusively with Zionism and the progress of Israel. 25X1A6a  
Comment. Benjamin E. Export was managing partner of the Export Trading and Finance Corporation, 43 Marbin Road, Tientsin, in 1947.)

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